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TAGS: CASC MA (REPPAS, GEORGE S)

SUBJECT: W/W GEORGE REPPAS

REF: TANANARIVE 0143

1. REPPAS LAWYER LEBEL CALLED EMBASSY JAN 31 TO STATE THAT SUPREME COURT PROCEEDINGS ON REPPAS' APPEAL WOULD BEGIN FEB 4 WITH APPEARANCE BY REPPAS.

2. DURING WEEKLY PRISON VISIT BY EMBOFF JAN 30 REPPAS PREOCCUPIED BY CONCERN OVER PERSONAL SAFETY BECAUSE OF CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION:

(A) ALLEGED THAT GROUPE MOBILE DE LA POLICE (WHOSE CAMP NEXT TO PRISON AND WHO ARE INVOLVED IN CURRENT POLITICAL CONFLICT WITH HEAD OF GOVT RAMANANTSOA -- SEE TANANARIVE 0193) HAS MADE CONTINGENCY PLANS TO TAKE PRISONERS AS HOSTAGES (INCLUDING, REPPAS FEARS, HIMSELF AND OTHER EUROPEANS) IF THEY BESIEGED BY FRIENDLY FORCES. REPPAS ALSO EXPRESSED FEAR BACOPOULOS MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE CONFUSION TO KILL HIM. REQUESTED EMBASSY ASK GOMR ALLOW HIM TAKE REFUGE IN EMBASSY HOUSE DURING PRESENT CRISIS. (COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES REPPAS TRYING BUILD CASE WHICH WILL SATISFY CONDITIONS FOR ASYLUM -- STATE 12348 AND REFTEL. WE THINK CONFLICT BETWEEN GOMR AND ARMED POLICE LIKELY BE RESOLVED WITHOUT RESORT TO VIOLENCE.)

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(B) REPPAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT PLANS FOR HIS EVACUATION SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY FOR AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO LEAVE TANANARIVE. IF EVACUATION IS IN ORDER, REPPAS BELIEVES MSG DETACHMENT SHOULD BE USED TO SECURE HIS RELEASE. (COMMENT: EMBASSY PLANS TELL HIM THAT, SHOULD EVACUATION BE MADE DCM WOULD PERSONALLY BE CONCERNED WITH HIS WELFARE AND WOULD REQUEST HIS RELEASE BY GOMR.)

3. REPPAS HAS SENT LETTER TO AMBASSADOR (COPY BEING POUCHED AF/E) ASKING THAT EMBASSY GIVE GENERAL RAMANANTSOA, MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND OTHERS COPIES OF "INVESTOR'S CLAIM THAT IS TO BE FILED WITH FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION OF U.S." (SEE STATE 15752). PURPOSE WOULD BE TO DISCREDIT PROCUREUR GENERAL RAMANITRA AND INDUCE NEW GOMR REMOVE HIM FROM OFFICE BECAUSE OF "MASSIVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST" BETWEEN HIS FAMILY AND AGM INVESTMENT. (COMMENT: UNLESS DEPT OBJECTS, EMBASSY PROPOSES TO INFORM REPPAS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR AMBASSADOR TO TAKE REQUESTED ACTION. IT IS DECISION FOR INVESTORS WHETHER THEY WISH DO SO.)
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